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JANUARY 2025 SHE LEGISLATION UPDATE

SAFETY, HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL (SHE) LEGISLATION UPDATE

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1. Assented to by the President. Commencement date to be proclaimed. Published in GG 52008 NN 5790 dated 29 January 2025.

Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002 (DMA)

2. Classification of a National Disaster in terms of section 23 of the DMA: Impact of Severe Weather in the Country. Published in GG 52015 NN 5813 dated 30 January 2025.

National Forests Act 84 of 1998 (NFA)

3. As Amended: Amendments to the Regulations Under the NFA. Published in GG 51847 NN 5650 dated 6 January 2025.

SECTION B: SAFETY, HEALTH & OTHER (NATIONAL)

The are currently no application legislative updates

SECTION C: SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL (DRAFT NATIONAL LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS)

National Railway Safety Regulator Act 18 of 1998

4. Publication of Safety Permit Fees for Comments. Members of the public are invited to submit their written comments within 30 days of publication of this notice. Published in GG 51957 NN 2946 dated 23 January 2025.

Marine Living Resources Act 107 of 1998

- 5. Extension for Submission of Comments on the Draft Policy on the Allocation and Management of Rights to Operate Fish Processing Establishments and the Draft Policy for the Transfer of Commercial Fishing Rights. Members of the public are invited to submit their written comments by 31 January 2025. Published in GG 51846 NN 5649 dated 3 January 2025.
- 6. Consultation on the Proposed Regulations Relating to the Entry of Foreign Fishing Vessels into South African Waters. Members of the public are invited to submit their written comments within 30 days of publication of this notice. Published in GG 51950 NN 5774 dated 24 January 2025.

National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act 10 of 2004

7. Consultation on the Draft National Elephant Heritage Strategy in South Africa. Members of the public are invited to submit their written comments within 30 days of publication of this notice. Published in GG 52004 NN 5787 dated 27 January 2025.

Agricultural Product Standards Act 119 of 1990

- 8. Proposed Inspection Fees for 2025 for Inspections and Sampling on Poultry Meat, Processed Meat Products and Certain Raw Processed Meat Products. Members of the public are invited to submit their written comments by 31 January 2025. Published in GG 51877 NN 2926 dated 10 January 2025.
- 9. Proposed Regulations Relating to Meat Analogues Intended for Sale in the Republic of South Africa. Members of the public are invited to submit their written comments by 31 January 2025. Published in GG 51820 NN 5730 dated 27 December 2024.
- 10. Draft Regulations Regarding the Rrading, Packing and Marking of Edible Vegetable Oils for Sale in the Republic of South Africa. Members of the public are invited to submit their written

comments within 30 days of publication of this notice. Published in GG 51878 NN 5751 dated 10 January 2025.

Standards Act 8 of 2008

11. Drafts for Comment: Amendment of Existing Standards; Withdrawal of the South African National Standards; Withdrawal of Informative and Normative Documents; Issuing of the South African National Standards. Published in GG 52012 NN 2949 dated 29 January 2025.

SECTION D: SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL (PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION AND MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS)

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- 12. Nature Conservation Ordinance 19 of 1974: Notice of Amendment of Provincial Notice to Establish Grotto Bay Private Nature Reserve. Published in PG 9020 NN 2 dated 17 January 2025.
- 13. Mpumalanga Nature Conservation Act 10 of 1998: Withdrawal of the Declaration of a Nature Reserve. Published in PG 3763 NN 536 dated 17 January 2025.

Limpopo Province

- 14. National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998: Notice of Environmental Impact Assessment Applications. Published in PG 3637 NN 507 dated 24 January 2025.
- 15. National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003): Western Soutpansberg Nature Reserve. Published in PG 3635 NN 1013 dated 17 January 2025.

Northern Cape Province

16. National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act 57 of 2003: Declaration of the Property as the Avontuur Nature Reserve in terms of section 23(1) of the Act. Published in PG 2747 NN 678 dated 27 January 2025.

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- 17. National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act 57 of 2003: Notice of Intention to Declare Wilderness Nature Reserve. Members of the public are invited to submit their written comments within 60 days of publication of this notice. Published in PG 9022 NN 4 dated 24 January 2025.
- 18. Western Cape Biodiversity Act 6 of 2021: Draft 2024 Western Cape Protected Areas Expansion Strategy. Members of the public are invited to submit their written comments within 60 days of publication of this notice. Published in PG 9023 dated 31 January 2025.

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BILLS BEFORE PARLIAMENT (AS OF 31 JANUARY 2025)

- 1. Marine Oil Pollution (Preparedness, Response and Cooperation) Bill (B10-2022).
- 2. Merchant Shipping Bill (B12-2023).

BILLS BEFORE THE PRESIDENT (AS OF 31 JANUARY 2025)

- 1. Agricultural Product Standards Amendment Bill (B15 2021).
- 2. Upstream Petroleum Resources Development Bill (B13 2021).

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